

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on January 9, 2009 making a restriction requirement and requiring an election. Any fee due with this paper, including any necessary extension fees, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Election

Responsive thereto, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 directed to a method of manufacturing a sheet of agglomerate materials without traverse.

New claims 9-14 are presented that read on the elected invention.

All dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claim from which they depend.

In view of the remarks set forth above this application is in condition for examination ready passage to allowance which is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for examination or allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the attorney at the number listed below prior to the issue of further action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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